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1. 300 ECONOMISTS FROM THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES OF ASIA, AFRICA, LATIN AMERICAN, AND EASTERN EUROPE MET IN ALGIERS FEB. 2-7 IN CONFERENCE DESIGNED TO EXAMINE ALL ASPECTS OF CAPITALISTIC DOMINATION OF THIRD WORLD. CONFERENCE FOCUSED ON SEVERAL NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER-TYPE TOPICS INCLUDING CONTROL OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, FINANCE, AND EXPANDED COOPERATION BETWEEN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

2. CONFERENCE CONCLUDED FEB. 7 WITH DECLARATION FORMALLY ESTABLISHING "ASSOCIATION OF THIRD WORLD ECONOMISTS," WHICH WILL MEET EVERY FOUR YEARS. NEW GROUP WILL HAVE
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MAIN HEADQUARTERS IN ALGIERS AND REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN COLOMBO, ADDIS ABABA, VIENTIANE,

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MEXICO CITY, AND DAMASCUS. IN ESSENCE, GOAL OF NEW GROUP APPEARS TO BE TO SHOW THAT CAPITALIST ECONOMIC THEORY, RATHER THAN LEADING TO DEVELOPMENT, IS INSTEAD LEADING TO INCREASING DEPENDENCE OF THIRD WORLD ON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. GROUP PROPOSES TO FOSTER ENUNCIATION NEW BODY OF MILITANT DEVELOPMENT THEORY. EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE OF CONFERENCE IN ALGERIAN OFFICIAL DAILY, HOWEVER, DOES NOT INDICATE THAT CONFERENCE MADE MUCH PROGRESS IN REACHING CONSENSUS ON SHAPE OF NEW BODY OF THEORY.

3. ONE THEME THAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ON MINDS OF SEVERAL AT CONFERENCE WAS LDC-OPEC SOLIDARITY. PRESS REPORTED FOR EXAMPLE THAT SYRIAN DELEGATE SUPPORTED OPEC AS CREATOR OF NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THIRD WORLD AND CAPITALIST COUNTRIES AND CONTINUING FOUNDATION FOR THIS RELATIONSHIP. LOCAL PRESS ALSO MADE SEVERAL REFERENCES TO INSIDIOUS ATTEMPTS BY CAPITALIST COUNTRIES TO DIVIDE OPEC AND THIRD WORLD.PARKER

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